# SAINT CLARE'S FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER

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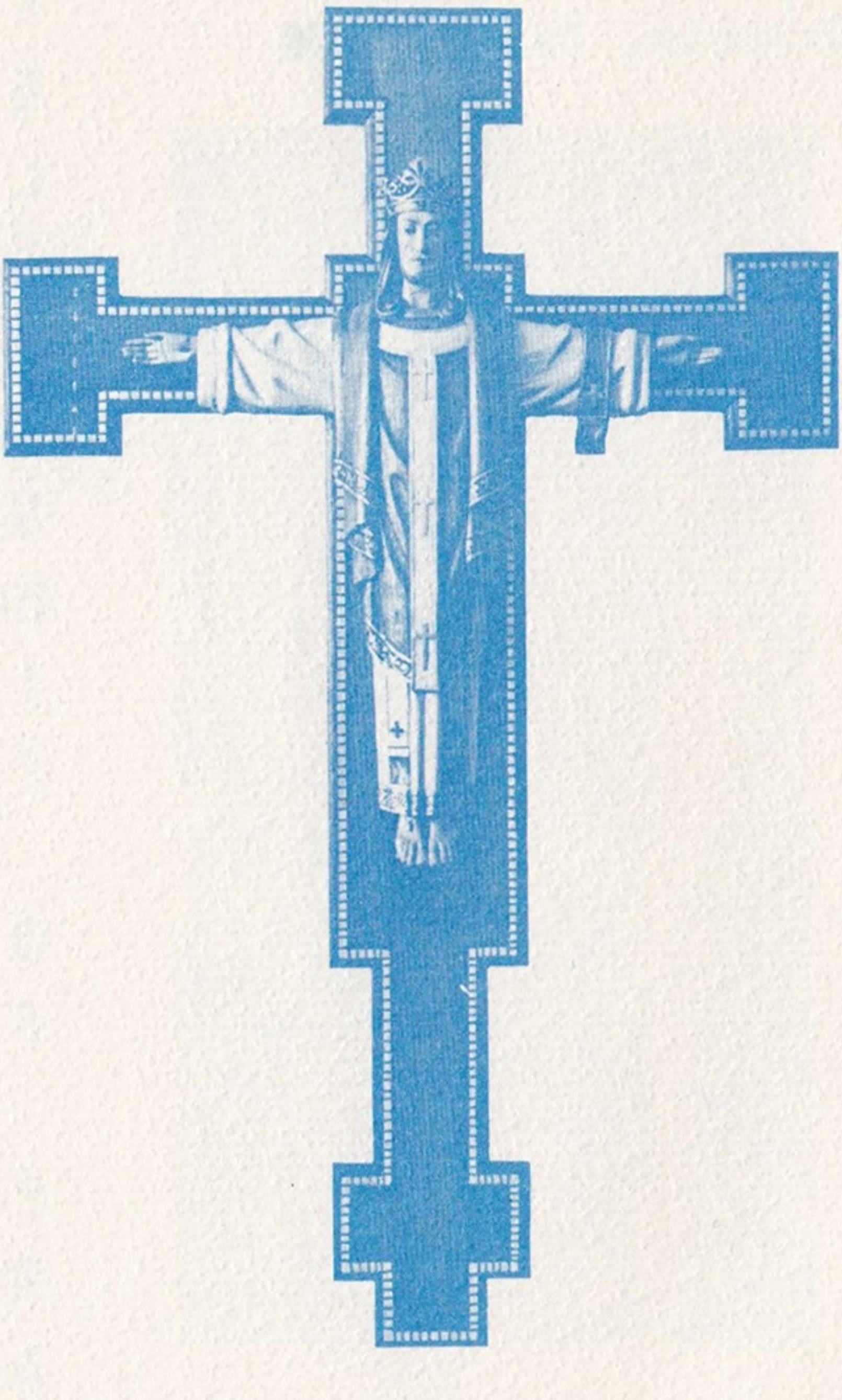

# A COMMEMORATION OF ST. CLARE
# PATRONESS OF
# THE FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER

I thought upon thy mercy, O Lord, and upon thy acts of old, how thou deliverest such as wait for thee; and so my prayer was heard: therefore will I give thanks, and praise thee, and bless thy name, O Lord.

V. Pray for us, O holy mother Clare.
R. That we may be worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

O God, who for our might and mainstay dost give us the sacred Body and precious Blood of thy beloved Son: grant, we beseech thee, to the members of our Fellowship of Prayer; that this Sacrament may ever be unto us a particular defense against our spiritual enemies, even as the blessed Clare found in the same the strength whereby to put her foes to flight. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

# HOW TO JOIN THE FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER

If you feel drawn to become a member and share in the blessings of the Fellowship, first read this leaflet carefully. You are eligible to become a member if you are willing to keep the Little Rule of Prayer. You may fill in your own additions if you feel so moved. After you have signed the application for membership, return this booklet to The Poor Clares, Maryhill, Mount Sinai, N.Y. 11766 We will register your name in the Little Book that lies before the Tabernacle day and night. The countersigned booklet will then be mailed back to you to keep as your Certificate of Membership in the Fellowship of Prayer.

It is not necessary for you to renew your membership. If at any time you find it necessary to resign, you may do so by notifying St. Clare's Convent. At intervals we review the names enrolled in the Fellowship, and persons from whom we have received no word of fellowship for a period of three years are automatically dropped from the list.

In filling in the Application please be sure to sign both your Christian name and surname, for that is the way we like to remember you before God's altar. In the space below please give your full mailing name and address, indicating your title, Reverend or Mr., Miss or Mrs.

Name

Address

# CERTIFICATE OF MEMBERSHIP

## APPLICATION

I intend to keep the Little Rule of Prayer, and hereby apply to become a member in the Fellowship of Prayer.

Signed:

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Date_____

## ADMISSION

This is to certify that

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is accepted as a member of St. Clare's Fellowship of Prayer.

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(For the Poor Clares)

Date _____

# THE LITTLE RULE OF PRAYER

1. To begin the day and end it with God in private prayer.

2. To assist at the Church's Eucharist, unless prevented by illness, every Sunday and on Christmas Day, New Year's Day, Ascension Day and on All Saints' Day. To receive Holy Communion regularly with preparation before and thanksgiving afterwards.

3. To pray daily for God's blessing on St. Clare's Fellowship of Prayer.

This is called the Little Rule of Prayer because it represents the minimum that any Fellowship of Prayer member will be satisfied to offer to God in the way of prayer and praise. Most members will want to offer Him much more. As a personal reminder you may wish to use this space to list additions you include in your own prayer life:

# THE FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER

St. Clare's Fellowship of Prayer is an Association, a partnership, between the Maryhill Poor Clares who are dedicated to the work of prayer, and men and women who believe in prayer and the value of it. It is an association for the promotion and development of the art of prayer, and the mutual help of all of us who are striving to learn how to pray.

Those whose names are enrolled in the Fellowship of Prayer Book are remembered daily in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament by the Poor Clares. In addition to this, members are encouraged to send the Sisters requests for special prayers for themselves or for others at any time.

*Copies of this leaflet may be obtained from*


*POOR CLARE CONVENT*

*Maryhill*

*Mount Sinai, N. Y. 11766*